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THE
INDIAN LAW FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM
BERKEY WILLIAMS LLP
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Berkey Williams Indian Law Fellowship

Berkey Williams LLP (BW) established the Indian Law Fellowship Program in 2005. The aims of the Fellowship are to encourage recent law graduates to work in the field of American Indian law and to provide the Fellows with an opportunity to pursue Indian Law. The Fellowship intends to contribute to the development of Indian law leaders of the future, whatever their career paths might be.

About Berkey Williams

The firm is a private, for-profit partnership, with four attorneys and two paralegals in Berkeley, California, one attorney in Washington, DC, and one attorney in Syracuse, New York. The firm works exclusively for Indian tribes and tribal organizations. Natural resources protection, environmental justice, water and fishing rights, recovery of ancestral lands, cultural resources, tribal sovereignty, self-governance, economic development, Indian child welfare, employment, and health care are representative areas of work. More information may be found on the firm's web site: www.berkeywilliams.com.

About the Fellowship

The one-year Fellowship offers a competitive salary, full benefits, training, a flexible work/life balance, and the opportunity to work with experienced attorneys in an established firm focused exclusively on serving Indian tribes and tribal organizations. The Fellow will work in the California office. The Fellowship begins in September, 2016, with some flexibility depending upon the candidate's schedule. Berkey Williams is committed to recruiting attorneys who will bring a variety of experiences to the firm's clients, and to supporting them by providing the resources necessary to building a strong career in Indian law. The projects on which a Fellow might work are subject to the creativity of the Fellow and the needs or demands of a particular client tribe or tribal organization.

Qualifications and Selection Criteria

Applications are encouraged from recent law graduates with a demonstrated commitment to Indian law. Preference is given to candidates, both Indian and non-Indian, who demonstrate personal or professional experience with Indian communities. High academic achievements are certainly considered, but they are weighed with other equally significant factors: personal accomplishments, professional goals, cultural competence, and the capacity to work conscientiously and independently as needed. Candidates with interest in specific projects are encouraged to bring their proposals to the firm. Candidates are encouraged to seek their own funding as well, as the firm's ability to offer the fellowship is contingent on funding. Membership in the California Bar, or the Bar of another state, though not essential, is a significant factor in the firm's evaluation of candidates.

Applying for the Fellowship

Interested law graduates should send a resume and a writing sample to Gloria Coronado, Administrative Assistant, at gcoronado@berkeywilliams.com. No phone calls please. Deadline to apply is April 12, 2016.